



## **News Release**

**Wilmington Police Department – Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment**  
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WILMINGTON, NC – A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), will arrive August 10th – 13th to examine all aspects of the Wilmington Police Department's policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services. A scheduled on-site visit to the Wilmington Police Department is part of the Commission's state-of-the-art standards and voluntary process to gain accreditation. As part of the assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on Tuesday, August 12th at 6:00 pm. The session will be conducted at the City Council Chambers located at Thalian Hall, 310 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC.

If you are unable to attend the public information session and you would like to provide comments to the assessment team you may do so by telephone. The public may call 910-341-0175 on Tuesday, August 12th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA Standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Wilmington Police Department Headquarters at 615 Bess Street, Wilmington, NC.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Wilmington Police Department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation should forward written comments to: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA®), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, suite 320 Gainesville, Virginia 20155.

The Wilmington Police Department has to comply with specific standards in order to gain accredited status. "Accreditation is an important part of our agency's commitment to enhance our service and professionalism. We are committed to working with CALEA to make this happen," said Ralph Evangelous, Wilmington Police Chief.

Accreditation is for three years, during which the agency must submit reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. please write the Commission at 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320 Gainesville, Virginia 20155; or call (703) 352-4225 or email [calea@calea.org](mailto:calea@calea.org)